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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

FROM:

Director of Communications

SUBJECT: DCID 1/16 Telecommunications Exemption (U)

1. The Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 1/16 - Security of Foreign Intelligence in Automated Data Processing Systems and Networks (DCID 1/16) effective 6 June 1978 included a statement that specifically exempted telecommunications from the policy established by that document. However, a draft revision of DCID 1/16 prepared by a working group of NFIB includes provisions for communications processors and networks but has removed the telecommunications exemption. Since the Agency representative to this working group is from the Information Systems Security Group, OS, the Office of Communications (OC) requests that your office support the reinstatement of the exemption. (C)

2. The position of OC is that a communications processor is a device whose only function is that of a message switch, passing data through the telecommunications network. Inherent security is provided to the system through hardware and software configurations, unique cryptography or individual links, controlled access to terminal equipment and network switching, and comprehensive audit trails; and, unlike other types of computers, the communications processor does not modify data under any circumstances. Therefore, we feel that telecommunications should continue to be exempted from the provisions of DCID 1/16. (C)

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